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I beg to inform you that I kept the appointment with the parties whom I mentioned and I ascertained the following:

At the time of the original investigation four years ago the Evening Journal of New York City for a period of approximately five months had its reporters and investigators in and around New Brunswick seeking to ascertain what they could relative to the case.

Two of these reporters, one of whose names is Moroso became very friendly with Mrs. Gibson. For a period of approximately thirty days they were in and around her house visiting and talking with her. They rehearsed over and over her story of the presence of the rickety cart and even went so far as to conduct experiments with a specially made rattle which they believed would simulate the noise made by the alleged rickety cart. They had her stand in the position in which she said she was when she heard the cart and one of the men manipulated this rattle and it was impossible to hear at the distance at which she said she was, any noise whatever from this improvised rattle.

At various times one of these reporters would get Mrs. Gibson to talk about the case and in consideration for her talking paid her cash for doing so. As a result of her talking and these payments they would write the stories which appeared at that time in the Evening Journal and a reference to the Evening Journal files will show that at the time he said he wrote the stories the said stories appeared.

At no time during all these talks covering a period of approximately a month was Mrs. Gibson able to identify with any particularity Mrs. H. One of the reporters for the Evening Journal arranged to have Mrs. Gibson go to the Prosecutor's Office in New Brunswick for the purpose of complaining about the thefts of her corn and he reports that on this same day Mrs. H. was in the office and at that time Mrs. Gibson was unable to identify Mrs. H. At no time had Mrs. Gibson mentioned the name either of "Willie" Stevens, Henry Carpenter, or Henry Stevens. The vouchers turned in to the New York Journal showed payments to Mrs. Gibson of various sums of money.

Moroso is a special writer, a man who has written a couple of novels, apparently about fifty or fifty-five years of age and is at present living in Cresskill, New Jersey. He is a man of wide experience and I believe he has written two or three stories for the paper based on incidents in the present case.

I also received information relative to Inspector Faurot who informed a man named Frank Gorman, whom I saw and know, that when the imprint of the fingerprints on the card of Mr. Hall were shown to him, together with the fingerprints of Willie Stevens, Faurot responded, "I am willing to say from a comparison of these